



New Dancer Dances

MCASD Subsidy Guidelines for the 2026-2027 Dance Year

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GREETINGS!

The goal of New Dancer Dances (NDD) is to 'hook' new square dancers, to give them a fun experience and to let them experience a 'real' square dance. The dances should show new dancers *why* they're going through lessons, and encourage them to continue. "New Dancers" refers to people currently taking beginning square dance lessons (SSD level) and just-graduated SSD-level dancers.

- *Any MCASD Club holding beginner lessons can receive MCASD support for New Dancer Dances for up to two (2) dances per fiscal year (Aug 1, '26 - July 31, '27).*
- *Clubs must get MCASD approval when planning the dance in order to be eligible for the MCASD subsidy.*
- *Please do your best to choose a date that does not conflict with another club's dance.*
 - *Check listings on squaredancechicago.com,*
 - *Or, contact sister club presidents directly,*
 - *Or, email MCASD VP Janice Cha for help on choosing a date.*
- *Clubs can keep any profit in return for doing the work of organizing New Dancer Dances.*
- *MCASD will subsidize losses at New Dancer Dances of up to \$100 to help ensure financially successful events.*

PLANNING YOUR NEW DANCER DANCE

Follow these guidelines to help plan the ideal New Dancer Dance (NDD).

- NDDs should be aimed at current students or recent graduates from SSD classes.
- NDDs should give new dancers a session of non-stop dancing at their level.
- NDDs should focus on SSD calls, and should not include any other dance level or type (ie Plus, Rounds, Lines or Contra).
- NDDs should be a special event, not a regularly scheduled club dance.
- NDDs should cater to students & new dancers from multiple clubs.
- IF NDD takes place during a teaching cycle, Club leaders will need to **reach out to other clubs' instructors to find out how far along their students are in learning.** Be sure to convey this to the caller in advance.
- Club leaders should **remind callers to stick to traditional formations** until the dancers prove they are capable of harder stuff. (eg., no left square thrus at the beginning, for example).
- Clubs hosting NDDs are encouraged to **book callers other than the students' current instructors** in order to give their new dancers exposure to new voices and patterns.

ROLES of Host Club, MCASD & Area Clubs

Host Club Role for NDD

- **Apply to MCASD for Pre-Approval** [See FORM on page 3]
- Decide dance logistics
 - Date & time (ideally date should be at least 2 weeks apart from any other NDD)
 - Location
 - Entrance fee amount
- Book & pay for
 - venue
 - caller
- Give the NDD caller a list of calls learned at class up to about 2 weeks prior to date of dance
- Sending the NDD flyer/invitation to other area clubs hosting lessons
- Promoting the dance
 - to its own new dancers and members
 - ALSO to nearby clubs offering lesson - providing flyers, contacting by email, posting on Facebook, etc
- Running the dance
 - Set up/ clean up
 - Taking money at door & providing angels
 - Split the pot (optional)
- **Send MCASD the NDD After Dance Report within 14 days after the dance** [See FORM on page 4]
- If there is a profit (ie at-door income > venue/caller expenses) the club can keep the profit.
 - If there is a loss, see below.

MCASD Role for NDDs

- If there is a loss (i.e. at-door income does not cover venue/caller expenses), MCASD will subsidize the club the amount needed to cover the loss, up to \$100.
 - The club is responsible for any additional loss.
- If requested, MCASD VP Janice will design a flyer for the dance. Contact Janice directly for this as soon as the event date/time, caller, venue, theme have been set.
- Schedules permitting, MCASD executive board members will do their best to attend the new dancer dance.

Area Clubs' Roles for NDDs

MCASD urges area clubs to encourage their new dancers and members to attend. This is an excellent way for the new dancers to meet the members of the square dance community. Experience has shown that the new dancers attending these dances come back excited because of how much fun they had interacting with other new and experienced dancers.



MCASD New Dancer Dance Advance Subsidy Request

Please email the completed form to MCASD President, VP & Treasurer **at least two months in advance** of planned New Dancer Dance. *Email addresses: **President**, sillydog56@icloud.com; **Vice President**, janice@glenviewsquares.org; **Treasurer**, lmctreasurerMCASD@gmail.com*

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

CLUB DETAILS

Club Name: _____

Club Contact Person: _____

Club Contact Email: _____

Club Contact Cell: _____

NEW DANCER DANCE DETAILS

Date: _____ Time: _____

Venue (name + address): _____

Caller Name: _____

Dance Theme
(optional): _____

Would you like MCASD (Janice) to design the NDD flyer? **YES / NO** (circle one)

CLUB LESSON DETAILS

Date Lessons Started: _____

Teaching course: **SSD / Mainstream '26** (circle one)

Number of students
(at time of application): _____

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MCASD New Dancer Dance After-Dance Report

Please email the completed form to MCASD President, VP & Treasurer **within 7 days of the New Dancer Dance**. Email addresses: President, sillydog56@icloud.com; and Vice President, janice@glenviewsquares.org; ; Treasurer, lmctreasurerMCASD@gmail.com

Club Name: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Prepared by (name): _____

DANCE DETAILS

Dance date: _____ Time: _____ Admission fee per person: \$ _____

Venue (name + city): _____

Caller Name: _____ Weather or other details: _____

DANCERS ATTENDING / CLUBS REPRESENTED

Total # of Dancers _____ # of Host Club Members/ Angels: _____

of New Dancers: _____ From which clubs? _____

of Visitors _____ From which clubs? _____

of MCASD executive board attendees: _____

Club Name: _____

INCOME / EXPENSES

Income

Expenses

Door income \$ _____ Venue fee \$ _____

Caller fee \$ _____

Total income \$ _____ **Total Expenses** \$ _____

Profit / (Loss): \$ _____

Requested MCASD subsidy (up to \$100): \$ _____ Payable to: _____

Mail MCASD check to (name/ mailing address) _____
